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EDITORIAL

NOTES AND COMMENTS

To exert a good influence we must be sure to maintain a pure character. It is only the rose that is worth the fragrance.

The best sun light comes into your house when your windows are cleanest, even so the truest light of God's Word and spirit comes into your understanding and heart when the mind and conscience are most open and transparent.

Is it possible to depend too much on Christ for salvation and not enough on good works? No, indeed, for the more we depend on Christ, the more we will abound in all proper good works.

A little self-denial, so as to spend an honor or two in the study of the Sunday School lesson each week, would be one of the most profitable investments that any Sunday School teacher could make.

The Sunday School teacher who supposes that he can successfully instruct his class without careful study and preparation is often put to shame by what the boys and girls can tell him about or by their intelligent and eager questions concerning the lesson.

Some of the people in old Athens, the Greeks, spent their time chiefly in hearing or telling some new thing. That no doubt accounts for the existence at the present time of so many who devote so much of their time to proposing or attempting to do some great thing.

Forever, really great man that shows up, it is said, now-a-days, there is an overgrown crop of pitiful imitators. Observe not only the little Sam Jones's all about but the redundant small fry, Parkhursts. They have the cloak and catter but lack the bone and sinew of sense needed for efficiency and usefulness.

It more and more comes out that men need to rest at least one day in seven. Many of the best managed and most closely watched of our great railroad systems are finding it out, and as a matter of safety arranging to have their men lay off one day in the week, which is Sunday.

The world has now got far enough away from the great Parliament of religions to see it in its true light, and the idea is growing more and more ridiculous. We suppose the few people who were beguiled into buying the book containing its many wonderful bountiful deliveries, would be glad to exchange it for a good English dictionary or an almanac.

Bro. S. W. Sibley, of McComb City, says in a private note: "The shut-down here has depressed things to some extent. I am trusting God; hence I am not moved. It will take more than a railroad corporation to side-track Zion." Our work is still on the up-grade. We are trying to lay a solid foundation. Our bell will be here in a few days. It will be a good one. We are putting \$600 on the house; hope to have a baptism soon." It is a glorious thing to be able to trust God in that way. The shut-down refers to the suspension of about seventy employees in the shops there. —J. R. SAMPLE.

Many people, among our readers, will regret to learn of the death of the long time noted evangelist, Rev. A. B. Earl. His death occurred at his home at Newton Center, Mass., on March 30, 1895, at the advanced age of 83 years. He had been actively engaged in the ministry for 65 years. The record of his work showed that he had preached nearly 22,000 sermons, that over 150,000 persons had professed religion under his ministry, and that 400 or more had become preachers. He was not regarded as a learned man but was an earnest and effective preacher. After a long and useful life he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Dr. Lansing Burrows has scored another splendid success in the production of the American Baptist Year Book for 1895. It is a marvel of accuracy, neatness, fullness and cheapness. It ought to be in every Baptist home in the land, as well as in the study of every Baptist preacher. Then, if some of our pedo-Baptist friends would procure and study it, especially those who profess to know all about the Baptists and to write about them, they would not misrepresent our numbers as some of them have recently done.

The book is a volume in size about 5 inches by 8 1/2, with 282 well filled pages, printed on fine book or calendered paper, and very strongly bound in paper covers. The work is published by the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and can be had of them at the marvelously low price of 25 cents per copy. Glancing through it we observe that in Mississippi we have of white Baptists people, 1,216 churches. Last year, 4,990 baptisms; received by letter, 3,666; by restoration, 594; and that the total number of our membership is 88,666. Then we have of the colored Baptist people, 1,379 churches, 2,297 baptisms, 684 by letter, 436 by restoration; total membership, 112,359. And when these two totals are united, we have as the whole number 98 Associations, 1,476 ordained ministers, 2,595 churches and 201,023 members. We also have one male college and five female colleges besides a large number of excellent high schools, where both sexes receive a high order of training. Then we turn to the general tables and observe that in the United States we have 37,000 churches, 1,530 Associations, 27,001 ordained ministers, last year 205, 857 baptisms, and a sum total in these States of 3,637,421. Then, in the whole world, there are 44,086 churches, 31,700 ordained ministers, last year 246,701 baptisms, and 4,488,854 members of Baptist churches. As to our denominational schools, there are, all told 159 of them, with 31,377 pupils; preparing for the ministry, 2,715 volumes in all libraries, 884,867 value of grounds and buildings, \$14,499,752; value of apparatus and library, \$1,914,263, with a total value of all property of \$31,927,024.

Now, if any one would like to know more about that peculiar and great people, called Baptists, don't fail to get the Year Book and you will find about all there is to say of them, and you will be glad that you belong to such a good company.

Bro. J. W. McPhail of Gallatin, encloses a year's subscription for THE RECORD, and writes: "I began to keep house 14 years ago, and THE RECORD has been a welcome guest ever since. It is a great help to me to keep house for God. May the great Head of the church direct its editors, in the prayer of your friend and brother." For

which we are heartily grateful, and may the Lord not only hear His servant's prayers in our behalf, but also make his home and life like that of Obadiah, where the ark of the Lord rested so long—greatly prosperous.

While the revolution goes on in Cuba our people ought to pray, unceasingly for Bro. A. J. Diaz and his Christian helpers that God will help them to keep in the middle of the gospel road and preach the gospel with unflinching earnestness and consecration. No doubt they are experiencing trying times, as many are in China. May God's good right hand guide them aright and give them a great victory over sin.

Capt. W. W. George, we are pleased to see is again on our street from an extensive trip through the State, as a candidate for State Treasurer. He reports his trip as a most satisfactory one, and that he met many friends of THE RECORD in his rambles. This paper is not in politics, but when a worthy Christian gentleman offers a responsible officer in which the whole State is interested we think it is not improper to speak in commendation of such an one.

Brethren Derrick, of Okolona, and Knight of Waynesboro, were in the city last week. Bro. D. reports well of his work at Okolona, and Bro. K. is greatly improved in health, and is with Bro. Noninger in a good meeting at Coffeeville this week. He is more able to do good work in the evangelistic field than ever. Whoever wishes his help this summer would do well to write to him at once.

We score a pleasant visit from Bro. L. S. Foster, but marred by brevity. On various accounts we saw so little of him that we are sad. The recent death of his brother's wife kept him much with him and his, and other engagements took him away from us. We hope he will soon come this way again.

BRETHREN, the amount due THE RECORD from each one of you who are in arrears is very little of itself, but do you not see what it aggregates as a whole,—several thousand dollars—and what it is to us? O, that one thousand of you who are thus behind with us, and who can help us, would consider our plea and send us relief at once. We have never needed your assistance more, it, indeed, as much, as now. Let us hear from you at once, please.

Mr. John D. McNamee, of this city, we see, is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner. No man in the State out-ranks him in ability for the position and real worth of character. Any interest the people may see fit to entrust to his hands will be safe.

THE NEW SCHOOL HISTORY.

CHRONICLES.

L. A. P.

Threatening clouds and occasion like many other changes, it will fall to the ground. Strange that the Baptists should be the main religious denomination selected for ridicule—except it be that all the arguments are on their side.

In reply to Bro. Clarke, the

Chandler would say, he can only

report an estimate of our Baptist

commercial strength in Meridian

now; but hopes to gather some

statistics. The membership of our

six white churches is about 1000,

and of the seven colored,

say the same. Then there are

fully 100 loose or unaffiliated Baptists.

Dr. Hackett made the chief

address: Pastors David, Elliott

and Prof. Stone were in attendance.

Meanwhile Mr. Johnson was

filling an appointment at Quitman.

At Forty-first Avenue, Pastor Guy preached an interesting and instructive sermon at 11 a. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. In the afternoon the Chronicler was present at the observance of the Lord's Supper at Emanuel. Pastor Elliott at 3 a. m., Monday, left for Hattiesburg to aid Elder L. E. Hall in meeting. Sunday School has been resumed at Complete, Deacon L. T. Tew and family, of Emanuel, have moved to Hattiesburg; Deacon W. Jackmon has accepted a position at Laurel. Mrs. Allie Maher of Forty-first Avenue, has also moved to Hattiesburg.

A short time since the Chronicler attended the funeral of Dr. A. H. Smith, of the First church, an old friend and co-worker of other days. Later he was at the grave of Mr. A. P. Gilbert, an excellent citizen, and brother-in-law of Eld. A. Gressett. The same day the remains of Sister Jackmon were taken to Shuqualak, though the writer was not aware of it at the time. Sunday morning Dr. J. O. Frillie preached his last; leaving a widow and infant child, besides other members of the family; and the night previous Bro. J. G. Foster was bereft of his wife suddenly. May the Holy Spirit comfort the afflicted ones.

The pines have been producing men, let devise a plan whereby men will produce parties and see if that's better.

Brother here is my hand to vote

for upright, competent citizens of

character and if we

we understand. The Baptists

ought to awake from winter quarters and it is time that the Sunday School Union resume its bi-monthly meetings. There is

some inquiry about a picnic—another grand Sunday School picnic—but it is proposed that the necessary funds be raised therewith, and that some of the young brethren try the lead. It would require a train for at least fifteen passenger coaches.

Liquor license-lovers seem to delight in the existence of "blind tigers." They appear to glory in the fact that the United States authorities disregard prohibitory laws by granting revenue license anywhere. Further, they practically apologize for purvey by failing to use efforts to bring violators to justice. Through some technicality these cursers are allowed to go on with their evil work, and yet the possession of "revenue license" is prima facie of guilt.

A great complaint comes from many quarters about the ladies' high hats, says the Christian Herald, "because they obstruct the view of audiences, and lady reporter asked me the other day what I thought about it. I told her if the indecent pictures of actresses in the show windows of our cities were accurate, as pictures of what goes on in many of our theaters night by night, then it would be well if the ladies' hats were a mile high so as to completely obstruct the vision." If it were to be done, it would be a great service to justice. Through some technicality these cursers are allowed to go on with their evil work, and yet the possession of "revenue license" is prima facie of guilt.

The signs of the times indicate that the different classes of Christians are getting further apart. One is going closer to the Word, the other toward the world. Some are following crooks; others are looking to Christ. Many are beginning to study the office of the Holy Spirit, the comforter, enlightener and guide, and find that He is to remain with the disciples till the end. He is to take our prayers to heaven to the Father in the name of the Son, our Savior. A priest is not needed, nor is there

any other name.

There is wickedness somewhere, it is true, that a physician in Delaware county, Ohio, has brought suit against a Baptist minister for damages on a "claim that his sixteen year old daughter had been made seriously ill by being baptized in very cold water." Something else was the cause, of course; for God never punishes his children for strict obedience. An enemy has made this charge, and

like many other charges, it will fall to the ground. Strange that the Baptists should be the main religious denomination selected for ridicule—except it be that all the arguments are on their side.

EDUCATION.

NEWS NOTES FROM CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

The Harmony church of the Crystal Springs Association kindly opened their doors to all who would attend this meeting. Several pastors and some visitors from the churches were present. The discussions were along Bible lines, and had a healthy tone and helpful spirit. The subject of missions was most prominent.

On Sunday at 11 a. m. Eld. P. A.

Haman, of Learned, gave us a sermon, the strong meat of the gospel on the "Privileges and Responsibility of the Christian with Reference to Missionary Work." It was sound, savory and strengthening.

AN INTERESTING SERVICE.

By request of the pastor, Bro. Haman preached Sunday evening in the Baptist church of this place from Rom. 5:10. Like the morning sermon, it was rich in the doctrine of grace. The introduction of the speaker was an interesting feature of the service. Twenty-five years ago Bro. Haman was granted the privilege, by this church, of exercising his gifts in the gospel ministry. Soon after this action of the church, and by their words of encouragement and substantial aid, Bro. H. went to the Seminary; then at Greenville, S. C.

Becoming better equipped for active service, he went West, where he spent a score of years in the ministry. Four years ago he returned, directed, as he felt, by the hand of Providence, to Mississippi; and he did not stay long. He was not with us until Sunday evening, the 31st of March, did he worship with the Crystal Springs people since he left them twenty-five years ago, to take up the work that lay nearest his heart. Tenderly did he allude to the kind, good brethren who helped him bear the cross in his younger days. They are gone from us, many of them having entered into that rest that remains for the people of God. He met only two or three that knew him a quarter of a century ago. He has developed into a strong

and successful preacher and pastor.

His sermons on Sunday would do credit to any pulpit.

A PARAGRAPH WITH THE RIGHT RING.

The following is from our town paper, and so clearly sets forth the correct view of things that its appearance cannot be amiss in a religious weekly.

EDUCATIONALLY, he is a thorough and highly finished scholar.

IN EXPERIENCE, he is full of years. His life has been spent in the class-room, the professor's chair and in the superintendence of city schools.

He was for several years a professor in our A. M. College, where he did splendid service.

He was the organizer and developer of the Meridian City Schools, which demonstrate his wonderful tact and ability for putting in operation a system of school work best adapted to secure satisfactory results.

He has not the least doubt

but that the city schools were, as

Prof. Kincannon has maintained

them, is doing the finest class of

work of any similar school in our State.

If she comes up to her quota, there remains about \$1,200 to be relieved. Some of this has no doubt been collected by the churches, but not yet forwarded to us.

It ought to be no hard matter for the churches of Mississippi to raise \$1,200 in thirty days.

I. T. TIGHE, Atlanta, Ga.

somed with the grace of Christian-

ity, so much the better.

YOUR FELLOW-CITIZEN,

WILL.

WHAT is the reason this man

WILL not level-headed in this

matter? Our political creed, as

once before stated, is to try to

make sure of foundation principles

WOMAN'S WORK

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OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

Foreign Missions, Home Mis-

sions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Mississippi College, Sustentation of Aged Ministers, Home Uses.

APRIL

INDIANS.—"And strangers have cut him off and left him." Population of Indian Territory, including Oklahoma Indians, 60,000. Whites and Negroes, 20,000. In Ind. Ter., Okla. and W. Ark., 60 missionaries S. B. C. are at work; more are needed. Churches 301; membership, 13,842.

STUDY TOPICS.—Our debt to the Indians. Are the "wards of this government eligible to citizenship in heaven?" Connection between bad traits and bad treatment of Indians. Best results from work among the young.

THE SONG WE USED TO SING.

BY BIRDIE L. FITZGERALD.

It is strangely true that often at the utterance of one word, in the hearts of listeners, the sweetest thoughts are stirred; the even thus that memories which nothing else can bring, are mine when I listen to the songs we used to sing.

Sometimes I have a mystery—A love-song on a sweet hymn, Which brings before my vision A scene both old and dim;

A moonlit night in childhood Round the wistful cottage door, Where loved ones sang, and in their song joined one who is no more.

Perhaps with unconsciously, As my daily task I take, I'm running low to cheer me When suddenly I wake As from a dream, and almost List for the school-bell's ring, For well I know this is one of The songs we used to sing.

And oft-times in the evening When my fire is burning low, 'Neath fancies' sway I wander Thro' the realms of long ago, And see within the temple Faces round which fond thoughts cling—

Again will joy while upward roll! The songs we used to sing.

Dear old song! ye thrill me With pleasure never expressed,

Ye bring me peace and comfort, When my life is sore oppressed; Thro' your most blessed influence, My cares and griefs take wing, And heaven seems nearer when I hear The songs we used to sing.

WHAT ARE SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN DOING FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORD?

Sent for publication by request of Gulf Coast Association.

Woman, with her loving nature, cheerful smiles and tender sympathy is especially fitted to be a potent factor in the evangelization of the world. Hand in hand she marches with fathers, brothers or husbands to rescue the perishing. In her home, with her little ones gathered about her, we hear the Southern mother telling her children the story of the Cross. How many of us present can recall the time when we heard of the blessed Savior from tongues of Christian mothers, now silent in death. How thankful we should be to our heavenly Father for our Christian mothers, who by voice and example pointed heavenward and lead the way. In schools all over our land so many consecrated women are filling positions in opposition and usefulness next to the ministry. She has the character moulding and heart impressing of minds ere they are hardened by sin's healing touch.

In the hands of Southern Baptist women lies a wide field among the colored people, for a great majority of the negroes are Baptists, reaching out for help. In many localities our women have established industrial schools and mothers' meetings for them, with good results. Others, in their little corners, are working unobserved by teaching them the scripture and letting their light shine in their homes.

But there is some danger lest the Institutional Church shall fail to be also an inspirational Church; in which case it ceases to be a church at all. A church is not an academy, it is not a club, and it certainly is not a variety show. Its object is not to teach nor to entertain. Its chief object is to inspire. There are theaters to amuse; there are clubs and societies and orders to entertain; there are schools to teach; there is only the church to inspire. Other institutions minister to the body; to the social instincts, to the mind; the church alone ministers to the spirit. If the church, in its eagerness to do other ministry, forgets to minister to the spirit; if, in its ambition to afford innocent entertainments, healthful society, beneficent instruction, it forgets to afford inspiration, it forgets its real function and ceases to be a church at all.

The more institutional it is, the more inspirational it needs to be.

The Sabbath Schools a large proportion of the teachers are women. In some localities they have organized Sabbath Schools themselves, and in one of our cities after the war the church was pastores and weak; but one mother in Israel held the fort by her prayers and influence. God answered her prayers and sent them a pastor through the State Board. To-day it is a self-sustaining church and helping to send the gospel to others.

In the crusade against the liquor traffic she has not only been an active, but a successful worker.

A few years ago God impressed a Christian woman that it would be a help to ministerial education to erect a cottage in Clinton where our young ministers could stay and board themselves cheaper than elsewhere. She called on the Baptist women of our State for aid, and so nobly did they respond that it stands there to-day furnished and filled with young ministers, a monument to woman's work for ministerial education. Hear the report with regard to this cottage, read by the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education at our last State Convention:

"The Nelson cottage is by far the most economical investment this Board has. In this cottage live eight or ten young ministers, and wait upon themselves, at a cost to this Board of \$4 per month, and that paid in provisions. These young ministers, who are struggling for an education, are cheered by boxes of supplies sent by the Ladies' Aid Societies from all parts of the State. Last year these boxes were valued at \$381. In almost every State there is a frontier designation. The Southern Baptist women sent boxes of supplies to the frontier missionaries last year valued at \$11,327, thus helping to retain many men at their posts. Contributions for Cuba have been made. Eighteen beds, at \$25 each have been furnished the Havana hospital, and a Cuban boy and girl are being educated. There was reported, from our Southern Baptist women last year for home missions, \$21,613. The first of Southern Baptist woman to evangelize heathen women was made by Mrs. Eva Graves. She has gone to her reward, but her influence has gone on widening till to-day of the fifty-two missionaries in foreign fields, thirty-one are females. A girls' boarding school, established in China, is under their supervision, and other schools also. The Southern Board of Foreign Missions is represented in all the Southern States by Central Committees of women. The work of these committees in the preparation and distribution of literature is entirely gratuitous. Some societies are maintaining individual missionaries. The contributions last year reported from these societies, for foreign missions, amounted to \$23,514.99. Our consecrated lady missionaries are doing a grand work. None more worthy of note than Miss Lotta Moon, who, when she felt the need of rest, would not leave her post till some one was sent to fill her place. Mrs. Janie Graves, of our own State, left a lovely Christian home and such family ties as few are blessed with, and labored in China till falling health required her to rest in

America. But the lesson that should be brought home to each one of us should be, What am I doing for Jesus? Are we earnestly praying, carefully watching, actively working and cheerfully giving? If not, let us pray for a missionary spirit and set about the Master's work, never failing till He calls us to dwell with Him in the kingdom of glory.

Biloxi, March 29, 1895.

INDIANS.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

The universe is not quite complete without my work well done."

"The times are hard, but healthiness is harder."

"Baptist tobacco costs more than

George Fox said to friends in America in 1679: "If you are Christians, why must you preach the gospel to the Indians, negroes and all others. Christ demands it."

AN INSPIRATIONAL CHURCH.

We have heard a great deal about the Institutional Church. It has kindergartens, and working-girls' clubs, and young men's clubs, and boys' clubs, and parlors, and a gymnasium, and a reading room, and perhaps a bowling alley and a billiard room, to say nothing of a kitchen and a monthly party called a "sociable." It has something on hand every night in the week. It educates, it entertains, it instructs. We believe in the Institutional Church.

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But there is some danger lest the Institutional Church shall fail to be also an inspirational Church; in which case it ceases to be a church at all. A church is not an academy, it is not a club, and it certainly is not a variety show. Its object is not to teach nor to entertain. Its chief object is to inspire. There are theaters to amuse; there are clubs and societies and orders to entertain; there are schools to teach; there is only the church to inspire. Other institutions minister to the body; to the social instincts, to the mind; the church alone ministers to the spirit. If the church, in its eagerness to do other ministry, forgets to minister to the spirit; if, in its ambition to afford innocent entertainments, healthful society, beneficent instruction, it forgets to afford inspiration, it forgets its real function and ceases to be a church at all.

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In the crusade against the liquor traffic she has not only been an active, but a successful worker.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

G. L. Donald, of Clark county, is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, Second District, subject to the action of the Democratic party, would be glad to have your support.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

We are authorized to announce (Capt.) W. H. HARDY, of this city, as a candidate for the office of State Senator to represent Lauderdale county in our State Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce R. M. BOURDEAUX, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Mr. Ed. REED as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of Theodore J. McLEMORE for the office of Assessor of Taxes of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We take pleasure in announcing the name of Mr. T. G. L. Keene, the present very efficient incumbent, for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce W. D. Cameron, a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

By authority we announce Mr. A. C. COOPER as a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

We are authorized to announce A. J. RUSSELL as a candidate for the legislature, from the city of Meridian, Lauderdale County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR CHANCERY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. C. MOORE as a candidate for the office of Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT E. HARRIS as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Lauderdale county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

I announce myself a candidate for election to the office of Justice of the Peace of Beat 1, subject to the action of the Democratic party. I solicit your support.

HENRY J. WOODS.

RECEIPTS OF CONVENTION BOARD IN FEBRUARY:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Hebron W M S. \$ 4.25
Magnolia, 67.00
Vaiden Sunday School, 3.00
Brier Hill, 10.00
Kosciusko, 13.00
Natchez, 32.00
Senatobia, 32.00
Oxford, 34.00
Senatobia, 15.00
Courtland, 3.00
Courtland Sunbeams, 2.50
McCool, 3.25
Union, 20.00
First church, Meridian, 15.00
Jackson, 63.90
Terry, 14.35
J. R. Sample, 30.00
W. M. S. Antioch (China) 2.00
Prince Sunbeams " 3.00
W. M. S. Mt. Zion, 2.50
" " Brooksville (Brazil) 3.25
" " Deer Brook, 2.60

HOME MISSIONS.

A Friend, 5.00
Brier Hill, 5.00
Mt. Zion, 9.00
Senatobia, 1.00
First church Meridian, 10.00

STATE MISSIONS.

Hebron, \$ 10.75
Edwards, 10.00
Brier Hill, 5.00
Durant, 7.60
Durant Sunday School, 4.00
A Sister, 1.00
French Camp, 11.35
Mrs. L. A. Harrison, 1.00
Lexington, 16.75
Mt. Zion, 1.00
Home Board, 200.00
Carrollton, 12.50
First church Meridian, 15.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Grayville, \$2.00
Poplarville, 4.35
Lumberton, 1.25
J. W. Patrick, 1.00
Young Lady, 1.00
B. N. Hatch, 5.00

SUSTENTATION.

Brier Hill, \$3.80
A Sister, 1.00
Mrs. L. A. Harrison, 1.00
G. W. Toombs, 1.00
Mt. Zion, 1.60
Galilee, 1.00
First church Meridian, 6.75
Silver Creek (Pike co) 6.50
W. M. S. Brooksville, 3.00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Sardis, \$14.80
State Line, 5.00
First church Meridian, 15.00

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RECEIPTS FROM FEB. 1, 1895.

From Goodhope church,	\$ 3.85
Mrs J. M. Palmer, Rankin county,	5.00
Rev J. L. Sproles, West Pt.	40.00
M A Sheppard, 16.70	
J T Buck, Treas., 40.00	
Enterprise church, 5.00	
Mrs R. D. Johnson, 1.00	
W M S. Hazeiburah, for freight, 1.55	
Mrs J. A. Lee, special, J. W. Sturdvant, 2.10	
W M S. Ebenezer ch., 1.50	
Ruhama church, 2.85	
Standing Pine church, 2.50	
Gloster church, for freight, 4.40	
Ebenezer ch., Sturgis P. O., 2.00	
Ebenezer ch., Coldwater Asso., 5.00	
Mc Carmel church, 4.00	
Calvary church, Silver Creek P. O., 5.80	
Bethel church, Pearl River Asso., 5.00	
Blue Mountain church, 15.00	
Goodman church, 3.92	
Clinton church, 2.00	
Palestine church, 9.30	
"A Record Reader" 1.00	
W H Patton, interest on note, 5.00	
Mrs M S. Sanders, 1.00	
Sontag church, Fair River Asso., 1.00	
Sturdvant, 14.00	

BONES RECEIVED.

Hebron church, Strong River Association 2 boxes and barrel molasses, valued at \$36.00.

Mrs Alice Booth Drane, 2 boxes W M S. Hazeiburah church, 1 box

L A. S. Polkatchie church, 1 box, \$9.00

W M S. Tyro church, 1 box.

Ebenezer church, box valued at \$10.00.

Okolona church, box valued at \$10.00.

Duck Hill church, box valued at \$15.00

Union church, Rankin Association, 1 box.

Goodman church, box valued at \$6.75.

Little Bahala church, box valued at \$3.50.

Gloster church, very large box special.

ALSO MONEY RECEIVED FROM

Little Bahala church, for foreign missions, \$2.00.

"A Record Reader," for foreign missions, \$2.00.

"A Record Reader," for home missions, \$2.00.

In behalf of the Board I thank the friends of ministerial education for these generous contributions. May the blessing of our God be upon you, and on us; and may much good result to the glory of our Savior.

DEAR BRO. WHITFIELD, Sec. Board Min. Ed.

FROM LAREDO, TEX.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—A meeting has been in progress at the Baptist church in this city for three weeks, the preaching being done by Pastor H. C. Hocken, us to last Monday, when I came in to assist.

Four were baptized on Sunday night and one received for baptism last night. The church greatly revived and many Christians rejoicing. The Lord has blessed the meeting almost beyond the expectation of the most hopeful.

Conversations are not very common in this frontier city, and for a man to stand up in the presence of the congregation and tell how wickedly he had lived, and how happy he is since he has found peace in believing in Christ, is no common thing. Such was the case with the young man who presented himself last night.

On the Texas side of the Rio Grande, is this city of twelve thousand souls, and one Baptist church of twenty-five members.

On the opposite bank is Laredo, Mex., with a population of eight thousand, and one Baptist missionary under the employment of the Northern Board. You can form an idea of the obstacles which God's people have to meet here.

Our meeting will continue through this week at least, and we are expecting others to be converted.

God is giving His people much grace and strength for the work.

Fraternal,

E. D. SCHILLING.

March 20, 1895.

A GOOD LETTER FROM BLUE MOUNTAIN.

BRO. HACKETT:—Among the many interesting things written for THE RECORD, not much is said of Sunday Schools, a means for the accomplishment of good, regarded by many, second only in importance to the preaching of the Word.

When our State Convention provided for the appointment of a State Sunday School secretary, it reflected the sentiment and desire existing, to have the Bible studied more and its truths impressed, by having them taught to the people from Sabbath to Sabbath, making it a basis for the more rapid development of Chrisian work. For many years Blue Mountain church has maintained a flourishing Sunday School. Our



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adorn her pathway for usefulness wheresoever her lot may be cast.

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On March 20, 1895, a number of relatives and friends assembled at 3 o'clock p. m., at the home of the bride, near Aberdeen, Miss., and witnessed the holy rites of matrimony solemnized between Miss Sadie Lee Marshal and Mr. Frank W. Moore, Pastor A. C. Ball officiating.

After congratulations, the bride and groom took their departure to their new home near Strong Miss. They are both active members of Bethel Baptist church Monroe county, and may the lives be spared long, that the may do much good for the Master.

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At the residence of Dr. J. L. Smythe, Greenville, Miss., on March 14, 1895, by Rev. S. G. Miller, Mr. E. C. Gilliland, of Memphis, Tenn., and Miss M. Jimmie Smythe, of Greenville.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The fortieth session, fifth year of the Southern Baptist Convention will, at the invitation of the Baptist churches of the District of Columbia, be held in the meeting house of the First Baptist church of Washington, D. C., in March, and we found our arrival at Milligan Springs church, a large concourse of people to pay the last tribute of respect to the humble man of God. We can but say to his dear family, you need not mourn as those who have no hope, for as men live, that is the way they die. He lived right and died right.

One family we dwell in Him, One church above, beneath, Though now divided by the stream— The narrow stream of death. One army of the living God, To His command we bow; Part of the host have crossed the flood And part are crossing now.

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